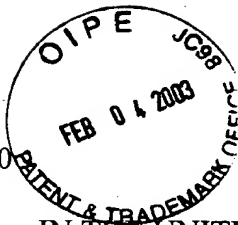


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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, INTERMEDIATE IMAGE TRANSFER BELT
THEREFOR AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE BELT

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks. Further, Applicants reaffirm the previous provisional election, with traverse, of Group II, Claims 46-96, drawn to an intermediate transfer belt, for further prosecution.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 53, 58, 64, 69, 77, 82, 88, and 93.

Please amend the claims as follows.

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--49. (Amended) An intermediate image transfer belt for an image forming apparatus that includes an image carrier for forming a latent image, a developing device for developing said latent image with a developer to thereby form a corresponding toner image and said intermediate image transfer belt to which said toner image is transferred from said image carrier, and executes primary image transfer from said image carrier to said intermediate

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